

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-12, 15-18, and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-12, 15-18, and 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, and 12 to remove the phrase “such that no additional data may be stored to the tape storage medium.” Applicants assert that claims 1, 9, and 12 as amended comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph and are allowable. Applicants further submit that claims 4-7, 10, 11, 14-18, and 21 are allowable as depending from allowable claims.

Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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